GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT CONDITION IN GUJARAT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to low rainfall 90 percent of the crops and livestock have been affected in Gujarat, particularly in Kutch district during current year;

(b) if so, the details regarding rains and droughts in the State particularly in Kutch during the said period;

(c) whether any detailed report has been received by the Union Government from the State Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(e) the assistance sought by the State and actual amount released under Calamity Relief Fund(CRF) and National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) during the last three years and the current year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (e): According to information supplied by the Government of Gujarat, Kutch received39.34% of average rainfall and the State Government have declared 2747 villages in 13 districts, including 793 villages of Kutch, as drought affected. No memorandum has so far been received from the State government for assistance from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF)for current year`s drought.

Details of releases of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund(CRF) and from NationalFund for Calamity Relief(NFCR)/National Calamity Contingency Fund(NCCF) to Gujarat during last three years is indicated below:-

(Rs. in crore)

Year	Central share of CRF	Assistance from NFCR/ NCCF (for drought)
1999-2000	121.05	54.58
2000-2001	131.14	85.00
2001-2002	117.01	27.00